struction of Talcher-Sambalpur railway line in Orissa;

(b) the funds earmarked for that line during 1992-93 financial year; and

(c) when the project is likely to be completed and opened for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 25% upto 12/91.

(b) Rs. 20.00 crores.

(c) The expected date of completion is 3/94.

Epidemics in Tribal Areas

4404. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:
SHRI RABI RAY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have inquired into the causes of the recent outbreak of epidemics in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for prevention of such epidemics in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The recent Outbreaks or epidemics in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa were investigated by teams of experts from National Institute of Communicable Diseases and Indian Council of Medical Research. In most of the cases the outbreak of gastroenteritis and cholera epidemic were found to have been caused by contamination of drinking water sources. Flooding of sludging of garbage/excreta, poor socio-economic conditions, lack of personal hygiene and insufficient health education further aggravated the problem.

(c) Health being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to take appropriate action to prevent such epidemics. However, whenever the technical teams from National Institute of Communicable Diseases/Indian Council of Medical Research visited the affected areas, they have made suitable suggestions/recommendations to the local Health Authorities regarding necessary preventive measures to be taken.

Quota of Berths at Pathankot

4405 SHRI D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allot quota of berths at Pathankot in all trains running via Pathankot;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Reservation quotas have already been allotted at Pathankot in trains having reserved accommodation and provided stoppage at this station.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Damage to Railway Property

4406. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of damage caused by anti-social elements to railway property during the last three moths, zone-wise

(b) the number of persons found responsible therefor and the action taken against them; and

(c) the measures taken to protect railway property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Zone-wise details of damage done by anti-social elements to Railway Property during the three months Nov. '91, Dec. '91, and Jan. '92 are given below:–

Zonal Railways	*Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)*
Central	8.05
Eastern	1.50
Northern	0.69
North Eastern	0.01
Northeast Frontier	Nil
Southern	0.78
Sourth Central	39.45
South Eastern	Nil
Western	1.00

(b) This is primarily the concern of respective State Governments whose agencies are required to register and investigate such offences and bring the culprits to book.

(c) Following measures are taken to protect railway property from the activities of anti-social elements;

(1) Escorting of important trains by Government Railway Police.

(2) Guarding of vulnerable points and vital installations.

(3) Track patrolling.

(4) Piloting of trains in areas where the situation is very bad.

(5) Checking of empty rakes before being placed at platforms.

(6) Deployment of sniffer dogs to detect explosives.

(7) Random checking of luggage of passengers.

(8) Close co-ordination between Railways and Police authorities.

Development of Bayana Junction

4407. SHRIMATI KRISHENDRA KAUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bayana Junction in Western Railway have not been fully developed;

(b) the year-wise amount allocated for the development of this station during the last three years; and

(c) the total amount spent so far in this regard; and

(d) the details of the future plan for the development of this station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Bayana junction Railway Station is fully developed

(b) The yearwise amount allocated for